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HEARING AID

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the statement of Reasons for Allowance mailed on September 21, 2006. Specifically the Reasons for Allowance recites, “[t]he improvement comprises manufacturing a hearing aid utilizing multi-component injection molding, wherein a first, second *and third part* of at least a first and second material are integrally and simultaneously manufactured within a common mold, as substantially described and connected with the other function language recited in the claims.” (emphasis added). However, in the independent claims of the present application, only first and second parts are recited. A third part is only recited in two dependent claims. Thus, it is submitted that the inclusion of a third part in the Reasons for Allowance was in error.

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